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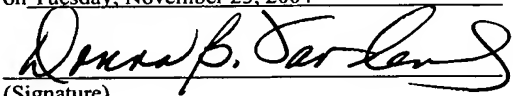
**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Customer No.: 23644  
Application No.: 10/632,727  
Confirmation No.: 2776  
Filing Date: 07/31/2003  
Group Art Unit: 3617  
Examiner Name: Jason R. Bellinger  
Attorney Docket No.: 921207-96547  
First Named Inventor: James Colegrove  
Title: Optimum Compaction Low Void Composite Bicycle Wheel Rim

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- ☒ [x] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of Issue Fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany this payment.
- ☐ [] Applicant hereby petitions for a \_\_\_-month extension and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the \_\_\_ month after the due date of \_\_\_\_, 2003. The payment of \$\_\_\_00 to cover the \_\_\_-month extension is enclosed herewith.

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 23, 2004**

This Office Action is separated into the following sections:

- I. Drawing Amendments
- II. Specification Amendments
- III. Amendments to the Claims
- IV. Remarks